



**Licensing, Certification and Permits Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 22, 2009
San Francisco, CA**

Members Present:

Stephen Casagrande, DDS, Chair
John Bettinger, DDS
Luis Dominicis, DDS
Judith Forsythe, RDA
Suzanne McCormick, DDS
Bruce Witcher, DDS

Members Absent:

William Baker, Public Member

Staff Present:

Cathleen Poncabare, Executive Officer
Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer
Dawn Dill, Licensing & Exam Unit Manager
Sarah Wallace, Administrative Analyst
Donna Kantner, Legislative & Regulatory Analyst
Jocelyn Campos, Enforcement Coordinator
Jessica Olney, Examination & Licensing Analyst
LaVonne Powell, DCA Senior Staff Counsel
Kristy Schieldge, DCA Senior Staff Counsel
Gregory Salute, Deputy Attorney General

Dr. Casagrande, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:24 a.m. and established a quorum.

LCP 1: Licensure Statistics

Dr. Casagrande reported that there were 36,646 active licensees out of a total population of 40,442. Cathleen Poncabare, Executive Officer, stated that the statistics did not reflect the number of delinquent licenses. Dawn Dill, Licensing and Exam Unit Manager, reported that 2,600 letters were mailed to licensees who had delinquent licenses. The responses to these letters have aided staff in identifying new addresses, deaths of dentists, and retired dentists not practicing. There were a few dentists that did not realize their licenses had expired because their office staff was responsible for submitting renewals. Ms. Dill has also heard from dentists who have left practice, but are choosing to renew their licenses to an active status due to the current economic climate.

Dr. Casagrande requested statistics for Licensure by Credential and Licensure by Residency be provided at the next meeting. Ms. Dill stated that she has the ability to breakdown licensure by the pathway and will provide a report at the next meeting.

Dr. Witcher requested a better breakdown regarding the General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Permit holders, specifically pertaining to applications, evaluations, and licensure statistics.

Dr. Bettinger and Dr. McCormick requested that a more complete breakdown of licensure statistics be placed on the agenda for the Enforcement Committee and the Preventative Enforcement Committee.

Dr. Dominicus questioned staff regarding the status of a license if a dentist chose not to renew his/her permit or license because (s)he would not be practicing. Ms. Dill stated that a license would be listed as cancelled if it is voluntarily cancelled by a dentist or if the license has been delinquent for over five years. Dr. Dominicus was concerned that the public would confuse the cancelled status with disciplinary action. Ms. Dill stated that the parameters were set by the Department of Consumer Affairs' database. She will research alternate parameters and will report back at the next Board meeting.

LCP 2: Discussion and Decision on Granting a California Dental License to Ken Horowitz

Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer, reported that correspondence from the Board to Dr. Horowitz was provided as background information in the meeting packet. LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel, stated that the Dental Board has no statutory authority to grant Dr. Horowitz a California dental license.

Dr. Ken Horowitz thanked the Board for its consideration and expressed his concern with the situation.

M/S/C (Bettinger/McCormick) to deny Dr. Horowitz's request for a California Dental License. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session- Issuance of New License(s) to Replace Cancelled License(s)

There were no applicants to review for issuance of a new license to replace a cancelled license.

Public Comment

Dr. Earl Johnson expressed concern that dentists who were trained by non-CODA approved dental schools but have finished CODA approved graduate programs are deemed ineligible to take the California Dental Examination. He stated that he would like to have the statute changed and would like the Board to discuss the issue further.

M/S/C (Bettinger/Dominicus) to agendaize Dr. Earl Johnson's concerns at the next Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.